



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Iliff, S.A. et al.

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For: SAFETY SHIELD

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Examiner:
M.A. Brown

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed February 3, 2003 for the above captioned application, kindly consider the following:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claim 18; and

Amend Claims 1 through 3, 6, 7, 10 through 15, 17 and 19 as follows:

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--1. (Once Amended) A safety shield suitable for protecting laboratory personnel from injury when working with animals, the shield being suitable for attachment to an animal restraining chair, the shield comprising: a rigid, planar member, and a supporting cross member, wherein the rigid, planar member is adapted for removable attachment to a supporting cross member of the chair.--;

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO: ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231, ON THE DATE APPEARING BELOW.

MERCK & CO., INC.

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